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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF FINNISH CONTINGENT IN UNFICYP

REF: STATE 214563

1. WE TALKED WITH SHERY SEPTEMBER 8 AND URGED THAT HE OR URQUHART ENCOURAGE CHRISTOPHIDES TO MAKE A PERSONAL EFFORT WHILE IN NEW YORK WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH SECRETARIAT HAS IDENTIFIED AS LAGGARD ON UNFICYP CONTRIBUTIONS. SHERRY SAID THAT THEY HAD ALREADY DONE THIS WITH CHRISTOPHIDES, BUT THAT LATTER HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST. SHERRY DOUBTED THAT CHRISTOPHIDES WOULD MAKE MUCH, IF ANY EFFORT, ALONG THESE LINES.

2. SHERRY SAID SECRETARIAT WOULD SOON HAVE TO REACH A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE FINNISH CONTINGENT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE REPLACED, BUT WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE THIS DECISION (THOUGH THEY BELIEVE IT REQUIRED BY SITUATION IN CYPRUS) IN VIEW OF APPARENT DECLINING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNFICYP. IN THIS REGARD, SHERRY ASKED WHETHER US WOULD MAINTAIN ITS CONTRIBUTION AT LEAST AT CURRENT LEVEL. WE REPLIED THAT USG WAS MAKING A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN REGARD TO UNFICYP, INCLUDING QUESTION OF

OUR ACTUAL SHARE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES, RATHER THAN CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. THIS WAS PREPARATORY TO ARRIVING AT FITURE FOR OUR FY-79 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. SHERRY ASKED TO BE INFORMED WHEN WE DECIDE ON LEVEL OF FY-79 REQUEST. LEONARD

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